

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our April newsletter.

We have had a busy month with dressing up for World Book Day – it was great seeing all the different characters. For Pancake Day, we enjoyed decorating pancakes and had pancake races in the garden. For St Patrick's Day, we had lots of green-themed activities out, including printing with green peppers.

What have we been up to...

We celebrated Mother's Day with an afternoon tea. We invited all mummies into their child's room for a stay and play, where they joined in with planting and sticking activities. They then enjoyed a very delicious tea afterwards in the garden.



This month

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have had fun splashing in the water tray and discovering sea creatures in the water. They saw lots of different animals, including whales, sharks and different coloured fish. We have also been developing our gross motor skills by climbing up and down the soft play in the garden.

Little Toads

This month, we've been busy making bird feeders and placing them in the garden to observe the different birds enjoying their meals. To celebrate Holi, we got creative with colours—mixing different paints to discover and create new shades, making our activities even more vibrant and fun!

Owls

In Owls, we have been discovering spring and been looking at different types of flowers. The children watched the daffodils grow throughout the week and drew them at different stages. They also used cotton buds to make hyacinths.



Parent Notices

Sunny weather

Now the warmer weather is approaching, please can we ask all parents to provide a named sun hat for their child and additional clothes in case they get wet during water play.

Review us!

We would really appreciate it if you could leave us a [review](#) and share your experience with other families.

Toys from home

We have noticed children bringing in toys from home. While this is ok, please can you encourage your children to keep them at home as we don't want them getting lost or broken.

Joining a dentist

If you haven't already done so or have recently moved to the area, don't forget to register at your local dentist. Available NHS dentists are available at <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4 th April	End of term for term time only children
18 th and 21 st April	Nursery closed for all children (Good Friday and Easter Monday)
22 nd April	Term time children return

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Recipe of the Month - Beef and Butternut Stew with Mash

(Serves 5)



Ingredients

- 850g braising steak, diced
- 1/2 butternut squash, peeled and diced
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 medium parsnip, peeled and diced
- 1 courgette, diced
- 1 large onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 2 heaped tablespoons plain flour
- 500ml water
- 2 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tsp thyme
- 400g potatoes

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 140 °C, 275°F or Gas 1.
2. Heat the oil in a casserole dish, coat the meat with flour and brown in the hot oil. Remove the meat to a plate.
3. Fry the onions in the casserole and when they are soft add all the other vegetables.
4. Put the meat back into the casserole; add the water, tomato puree and herbs.
5. Cover with tight lid and cook in the oven for 2 ½ hours until the meat is tender.
6. Cook the potatoes in boiling water and mash with butter.